

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 20, 2011 ("*Office Action*"). At the time of the *Office Action*, Claims 1, 7-21, 23, 29-43, 45, 51-65, 67, 73-87, and 90-106 were pending and stand rejected. Applicants amend Claim 45 to expedite prosecution. As described below, Applicants believe all claims to be allowable over the cited references. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action rejects Claims 45 and 51-57, which depend from Claim 45, under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended Claim 45 as suggested by the Office Action. Favorable action is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 7-13, 23, 29-35, 45, 51-57, 67, 73-79, and 90-99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,933,647 issued to Aronberg, et al. ("*Aronberg*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,443 B1 issued to Lin ("*Lin*"), and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0129356 A1 in the name of Hellerstein, et al. ("*Hellerstein*"). Claims 14, 15, 17-19, 36, 37, 39-41, 58, 59, 61-63, 80, 81, 83-85, 100, 101, 103 and 104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Aronberg*, in view of *Lin*, further in view of *Hellerstein*, and further in view of SMS 2 Administration in the name of Lubanski, et al. ("*Lubanski*"). Claims 16, 21, 38, 43, 60, 65, 82, 87, 102 and 106 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Aronberg*, in view of *Lin*, further in view of *Hellerstein*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,829 issued to Davis, et al. ("*Davis*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 recites "displaying, to a network administrator, a user-object data structure comprising resource information identifying a plurality of network computers in an enterprise system that are used by a selected one of a plurality of users, the plurality of enterprise computers representing all of the network computers in the enterprise system that are used by the selected user." This limitation is not shown by the proposed combination of references. The Office Action concedes at page 6 that *Aronberg* fails to disclose this limitation and instead relies on *Lin*, but this is incorrect. *Lin* is completely devoid of any disclosure of

displaying to a network administrator a user-object data structure that comprises **resource information identifying a plurality of network computers that are used by a selected one of a plurality of users**, where the plurality of enterprise computers represents **all of the network computers in the enterprise system** that are used by the selected user. The Office Action points to Col. 3, lines 50-67 of *Lin* as allegedly disclosing this limitation, but this is incorrect. That portion of *Lin* states:

Once any necessary updates are made to central user preference database 2, server-side synchronization agent 6 identifies which local computer(s) 3 are to receive updated user preference information as a result of the service request (Step 130). Where, for example, the service request is a request from a particular local computer 3 for a download of the most-current user preference information, server-side synchronization agent 6 may transmit the appropriate information only to that local computer 3. On the other hand, where the service request necessitated an update to central user preference database 2, server-side synchronization agent 6 preferably transmits the updated user preference information to all of the computers associated with the userid in the service request.

Clearly, there is no disclosure in this recitation of *Lin* disclosing that the claimed data structure is **displayed** to a network administrator, nor is there any disclosure that a data structure displayed to a network administrator identifies **all network computers in an enterprise system that are used by a selected user**. For at least this reason, Claim 1 is allowable.

Even if *Lin* did disclose the above-identified limitation, which it does not, Claim 1 would nevertheless be allowable because one of skill in the art would not be motivated to modify *Aronberg* to display the claimed resource information identifying all network computers in the enterprise system that are used by a selected user. As described in previous Responses **and not disputed by the Examiner** (see, e.g. Office Action at 34), *Aronberg* is computer-centric. One would not modify the computer-centric system of *Aronberg* to display the claimed resource information regarding all computers used by a particular user, since that is antithetical to a computer-centric approach of *Aronberg*. Thus, even if *Lin* did disclose the above-identified limitation, which it does not, the proposed modification would be nonsensical. Thus, the rejection is improper for this additional reason.

For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is allowable, as are the claims depending therefrom. For analogous reasons, independent Claims 23, 45, 67, 90, and 91 are allowable, as are the claims depending therefrom. Favorable action is requested.

Claim 91 is allowable also because the proposed combination of references fails to disclose “wherein selecting and modifying are preferred when the user becomes newly associated with at least one of the target computers.” The Office Action relies on *Lin* to disclose this limitation, but that is incorrect. The cited portion of *Lin* discloses that “processing begins in client-side synchronization agent 7 when a new user logs on to local computer 3.” (*Lin*, column 4, lines 44-46). If the user is logged in and authorization is verified, user preferences may be implemented in local computer 3.” (*Lin*, column 4, lines 60-66) (emphasis added). However, after these preferences are implemented in the single local computer, the synchronization agent “may idle until the current user logs off of local computer 3.” (*Lin*, column 5, lines 10-15). **It is not until after this log off that user preferences may be implemented in any other computers associated with the user.** (See *Lin*, column 5, lines 15-31). Therefore, *Lin* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest “modifying each of the plurality of network computers associated with the single user . . . wherein selecting and modifying are performed when the user becomes newly associated with at least one of the target computers.”

These same remarks were presented in Applicants’ Response to the Office Action dated 10/15/2009, **and the Examiner had no rebuttal.** The Examiner did not dispute these remarks in the “Response to Arguments” section of the present Office Action, nor did the Examiner modify his rejection to present additional alleged teachings of *Lin* with respect to this limitation. Rather, the Examiner simply repeated the rejection **verbatim** that was shown to be so clearly wrong. That the Examiner had no rebuttal to such remarks further demonstrates that the rejection is improper.

For at least these additional reasons, Claim 91 is allowable.

No Waiver

Applicants’ arguments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. By not responding to additional statements made by the Examiner, Applicants do not acquiesce to the additional statements. The distinctions between the applied references and the claims are provided as examples only and are sufficient to overcome the rejections. Applicants reserve the right to discuss additional or other distinctions in a later response or on appeal, if appropriate.

Request for Evidentiary Support

If the Examiner is relying upon “common knowledge” or “well known” principles or “Official Notice” or other information within the Examiner’s personal knowledge to establish a rejection, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner cite a reference or provide an affidavit in support of the position in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 2144.03 and 37 C.F.R. 1.104(d)(2).

CONCLUSION

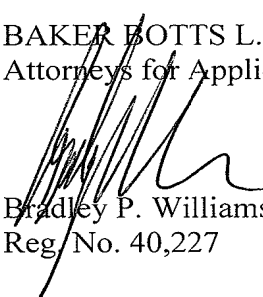
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Bradley P. Williams, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6447.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the **\$130.00** One Month Extension of Time Fee, and to the extent necessary, charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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